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Examining Group 1626

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Group : 1626
Applicants : Michael R. Hale, et al.
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For : INHIBITORS OF ASPARTYL PROTEASE

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March 14, 2003

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the January 15, 2003
Final Office Action in the above-identified application.
Applicants are filing this response within two months of
the mailing date of the Final Office Action - up to and
including March 17, 2003 (March 15, 2003 being a Saturday
and March 16, 2003 being a Sunday) and thus no fee is
due.

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